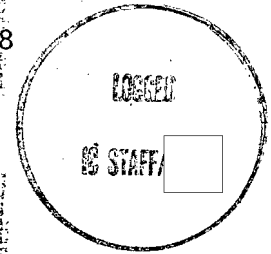


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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with General Colin Powell and Barry Kelly,  
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4. Contra Aid Bill. This was discussed in connection with General Powell's opening remarks. I think General Powell would have preferred that Republicans support the Byrd bill after defeat of the Dole bill, but everyone seemed to walk away from the issue. His view was that at least it was a beginning point, whereas now we're left with nothing. [redacted]

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7. Budget. I reviewed our enhanced package and expressed my general satisfaction with the way it was proceeding through the various committees except for House Appropriations. [redacted]

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8. Candidate Briefings. I reported that Senator Boren had had a conversation with Governor Dukakis in which the Governor indicated his desire for early briefings, noting that the press was asking him whether he had had his briefings. Boren wanted it put off until he (Boren) returns from vacation around the 29th of the month. We may get a call in the meantime. I told General Powell we would be waiting to hear from Governor Dukakis' office either through a direct call to us or through NSC from Madeline Albright. [redacted]

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9. Intelligence Award for Edward Bennett Williams. We reviewed these discussions and all agreed that the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal is not in order in view of Mr. Williams' lack of employment with an intelligence agency. Barry Kelly said that Leo Cherne had indicated we had given this award in the past to two Congressmen. [I don't know about this; what are the facts?] I agreed to look into possible Intelligence Community medals which would not have involved service with the CIA. [Larry: Please follow up on this quickly and tell me what my options are.]

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10. SR-71. General Powell noted that a number of high-powered letters are going to Secretary of Defense in support of the SR-71 program. He seemed to recall that someone said CIA might be able to help Defense carry part of this burden--this may have been attributed to me. I expect this to come up in the meeting with Secretary Carlucci on August 12. I need to know what kind of funding we could put into this.

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